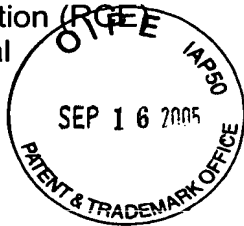


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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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First Named Inventor	C. Cantor et al.
Group Art Unit	1637
Examiner Name	Heather Calamita
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Preliminary Amendment

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), Form PTO-1449 and cited references

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fee The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those set forth below, and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ 560.00 enclosed

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed April 18, 2005, and further to a Notice of Appeal, filed August 18, 2005 and an Advisory Action, mailed September 12, 2005, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

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